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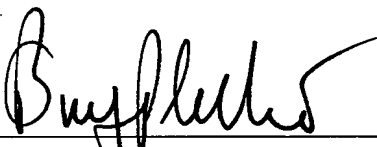
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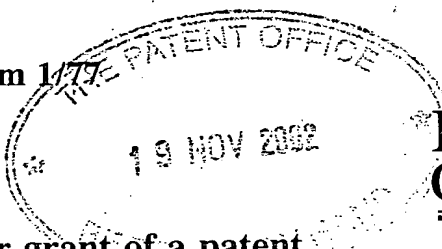
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## Convertible Blanket

The present invention is intended to solve the problem of children bringing their duvets or quilts downstairs from the bedroom to wrap around themselves, for example, whilst they watch television.

Alternatively, there could be a quilted or fleecy blanket or 'throw' left in the TV room that they can wrap around themselves but this has to be folded and left untidily on a settee or chair.

If the normal bedding, e.g., duvet or quilt is brought downstairs, then it is often wrapped around the child like a 'cloak'. If the child gets up and moves, it falls off.

The present invention, at least in its preferred forms, is designed to solve these problems.

In its simplest form, there is provided a blanket having a pocket into which the blanket may be stuffed. To stow the blanket, the pocket is turned inside out and the blanket is stuffed inside. Thus the exterior of the pocket when the blanket is extracted forms the interior of the pocket when it receives the blanket, and similarly the inside of the pocket becomes the outside surface when stuffed with the stowed blanket.

The term "blanket" used herein is not intended to be interpreted narrowly in the sense of a thick sheet, but is intended to cover thin sheets, comfort blankets, throws, towels, padded bedding such as duvets and quilts, sleeping bags or sleeping sacks and other such soft bedding or similar item of a breathable woven fabric material, e.g., cotton or wool, that a young child may wrap around them whilst they watch television. In the case of duvets and quilts which are usually kept in a washable cover, a cover provided with a pocket in accordance with the present invention is within the term "blanket" used herein. In such a case the pocket is of a size to receive the cover and the duvet or quilt contained therein.

The pocket has decoration on its inside, e.g., in the form of a printed pattern or fabric features, and is preferably also of a corresponding shape so that

when it is turned inside out it depicts a fun object such as an animal, dinosaur, fish, character, toy, vehicle, monster, etc., or a portion of such an object, e.g., a head of a teddy bear. When the blanket is stowed within the pocket, the stuffed pocket then serves as a toy or novelty cushion. It may  
5 also be used as a pillow.

Providing the decoration on the inside of the pocket also adds a "surprise" factor to the product which can add to the child's enjoyment. When the blanket, perhaps depicting one scene or character, is stowed, another  
10 character or animal can be created by the stuffed pocket, providing a distinction between television watching time and other activities such as getting ready for bed.

Preferably both sides of the interior of the pocket include decoration. In one  
15 embodiment the decoration depicts a different object on different sides so that the stuffed object is reversible. This may be of advantage where the stuffed object is in the form of a cushion which is intended to be left stowed, for example, on seating in the room, where its reversibility could allow  
20 different colours or object depictions to be chosen depending on the mood of the parent.

The pocket could also include straps or other carrying aid which is revealed when the pocket is turned inside out, for example, shoulder straps so that the child can carry the stuffed toy on his or her back, or a waist strap for  
25 carrying it around his or her waist. In this way the straps can be stowed safely in the pocket when the blanket has been pulled out and the pocket reversed. A zip, hook and eye material, press fasteners, buttons or other fastening device can be used to close the pocket. The straps or the like may also form part of the overall design that the stuffed pocket is intended  
30 to replicate, for example, as arms and / or legs of an animal, which then hug around the child when it is being carried and may be foam or perhaps air filled.

When not filled with the blanket, the pocket may be used for storing sweets  
35 and toys, depending on its orientation with respect to the blanket. It could also be used to store the remote control so that it does not become lost behind the sofa. In another embodiment, the pocket may be positioned to



receive the feet of the child to keep the child's feet warm when watching television.

5 Buttons, hook and eye material or other fastening means may be provided to attach the pocket to the blanket so that it can be removed for washing of the blanket. However, it is most preferred to provide an integral pocket that is permanently attached to the blanket through sewing or similar operation.

10 The invention is not limited to children's products and may also have appeal to an adult market, for example, as a cosy blanket that is kept in the television room for cuddling up into when watching the television. In such situations, the stuffed object may have more of an adult theme, possibly depicting more grown up shapes or presenting an external form that imitates a conventional cushion when the blanket is stowed. Such blankets for  
15 adults will be generally larger and will stow to form a larger stuffed object, perhaps forming a "bean bag" type seat. The concept of providing a "bean bag" seat would also be applicable to a child's product.

20 In accordance with a further aspect of this invention, a blanket is provided with a hood which is stored in a pocket when not in use. Preferably the blanket is a cover for a duvet or quilt. Once released from its pocket, the hood can be worn over the head of the user so that the blanket can be worn as a hooded cloak. Preferably the hood includes drawstrings, elastic or similar tensioners to pull the hood close around the head of the user. The  
25 hood may include features or be printed to resemble an object such as an animal, fish, dinosaur, character etc, or portion thereof, preferably in conjunction with printing or decoration on the blanket. For example fabric ears or other feature could be provided. The hood is preferably open at the face portion, but may include fabric, for example to form a mask to imitate a  
30 character such as a cloaked superhero, e.g., Batman or Superman. Preferably the hood is provided halfway along one edge, but may also be provided at one corner.

35 Preferably fastening means is provided, e.g., in the form of hook and eye type material, lace or buckle, to allow the blanket to be secured around the shoulders of the user so that the user can walk around with the blanket still in place and keeping the user warm. The position of the fastening means

should be at about shoulder level when worn.

In the preferred embodiments, the blanket also includes the stowing pocket described above. It is also envisaged that the hood could be retained within the blanket stowing pocket. In another embodiment, the hood could form a pocket for stowing the blanket.

Certain preferred embodiments will now be described by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 illustrates a blanket or quilt having a pocket;  
Figure 2 illustrates a sleeping bag having a pocket;  
Figure 3 illustrates a quilt having a pocket and which has been provided with a hood and fastening straps;  
Figure 4 illustrates the interior of the pocket, when reversed and stuffed with the blanket, as a front view;  
Figure 5 illustrates the stuffed pocket of Figure 4 from above; and  
Figure 6 illustrates a blanket with a hood extracted, ready for wearing as a cloak.

As described above, there is provided a blanket 1, preferably made from a soft fleecy material (see Figure 1) with a sewn-on shaped pocket 2 on one side. To store the blanket away, one simply reaches inside the opening of the pocket 3 and grabs a handful of blanket 1 and pulls it out of the pocket 2, thereby creating a 'hollow' on the reverse side. One then turns the blanket 1 over and literally 'stuffs' the entire blanket 1 into this 'hollow'. As the last of the blanket 1 is pushed into the hollow, the sewn-on pocket 2 reverses itself inside out, therefore taking up the shape of the pocket 2 and showing the decoration that was previously inside the pocket as shown in Figure 4. This pocket 2 preferably has decoration on both sides of it with an opening 3 (see Figure 5).

Any attractive shape or form can be used for the pocket 2, for example, simple animals, fish, teddy bear faces, etc., and the decoration can either be simply printed on or become much more complex with additional shaped features added, for example, with a teddy bear's ears or nose.

The resulting item is a soft, shaped cushion that can be left, simply and unobtrusively, on a chair (see Figure 4). To convert the item back into a blanket 1, you simply reverse the process and pull all the blanket 1 out of the opening 3 in the cushion, until the cover of the cushion itself reverses itself back into being the pocket 2 on the original blanket 1.

The blanket 1 can also be a simple open tube with an opening 4, but closed at the bottom, so that the user gets into it to remain warm but otherwise, it functions in exactly the same way as the blanket 1 when converting into a cushion (see Figure 2).

As shown in Figure 3, a further extension of this concept is to sew the same open pocket feature 2 into a normal continental quilt cover or duvet cover 1. In this embodiment, the sewn-on pocket 2 is made much larger to accept the larger bulk of the quilt itself, but otherwise it functions in exactly the same way. When the entire quilt 1 is 'stuffed' into the pocket 2, the resulting large shaped object can be used as a large pillow or 'bean bag' style of chair.

Preferably in this embodiment, there are two other features that can be built into the duvet cover 1 itself. One feature allows for another small internal pocket 5 in the middle of one edge of the duvet cover 1, closed with a zip or hook and eye type material such as Velcro (registered trade mark). Within this pocket is a fleecy hood 6 that when released can sit over the head of user, so as to turn the whole duvet cover 1 into a cloak (see Figure 6) with a hood. The hood may be detachable for washing purposes or permanently fixed to the duvet cover by sewing. A second feature allows for a fastening device 7 around the front of the 'cloak' to hold it onto the users shoulders.

Thus there has been described a novel arrangement which provides a blanket or similar bedding material that can be converted into a wrap for a child for whilst it is watching television, or a stuffed toy or cushion that can be left unobtrusively on seating in the television room.

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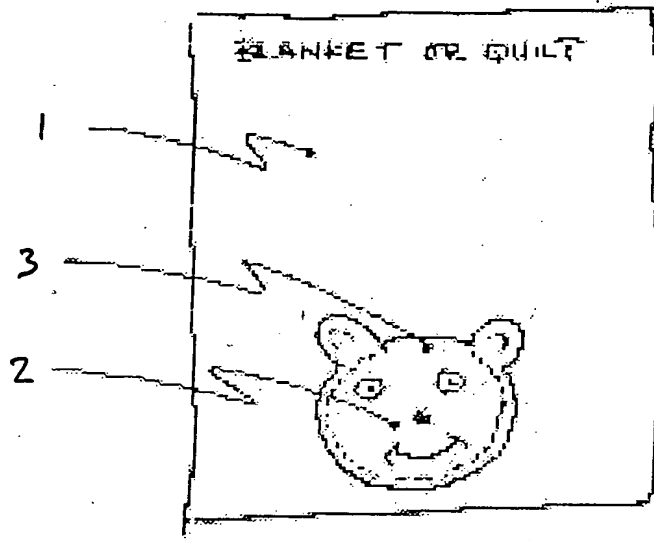


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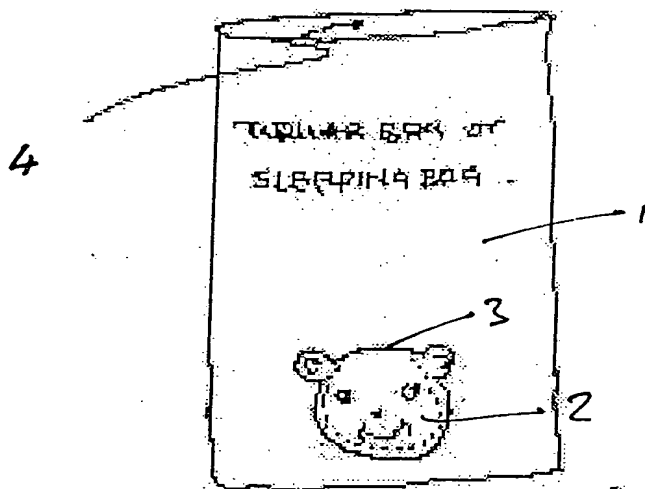


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FIG. 3

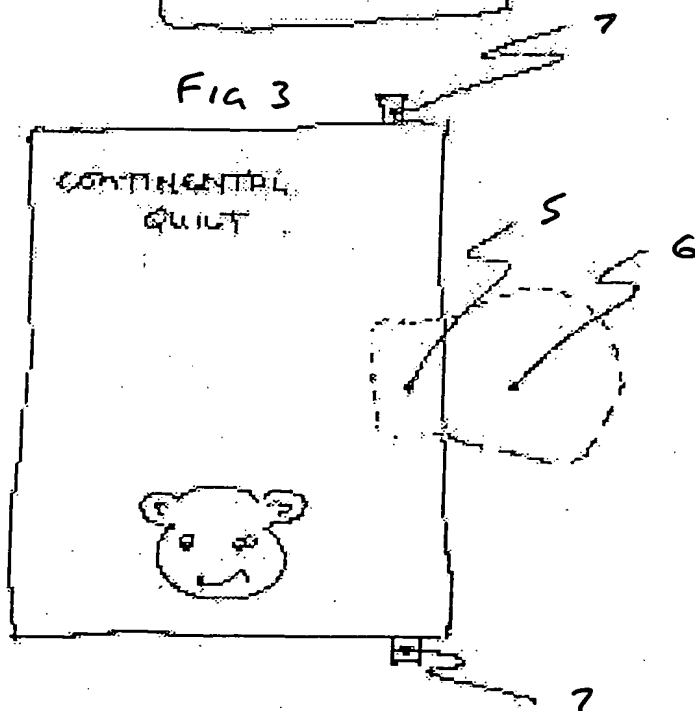
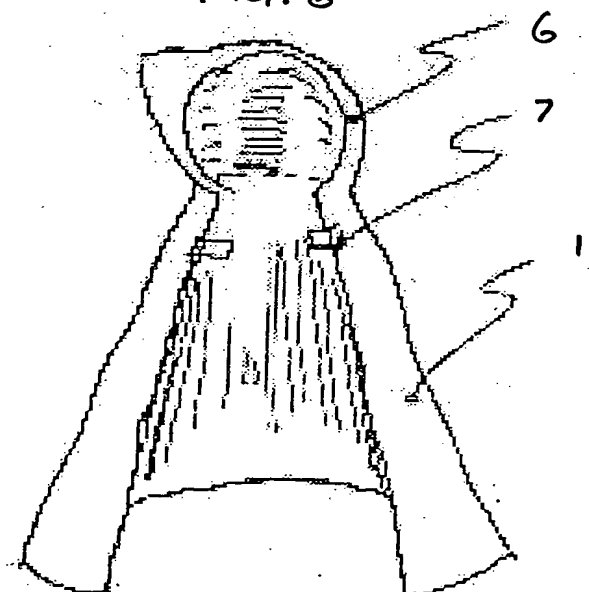


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